

## A B S T R A C T

The installation for manufacturing objects such as  
5 receptacles by thermoforming pellets of thermoplastic  
material includes conveyor means for conveying the  
pellets through the various stations in the installation,  
said stations including a heating station and a  
thermoforming station. The conveyor means comprise  
10 conveyor elements (46) defining cells (48) which are open  
upwards and downwards, and each of which is suitable for  
containing one pellet (12) while the entire top and  
bottom faces of the pellet remain unobstructed, means for  
depositing the pellets in the cells, drive means for  
15 driving the conveyor elements through the heating  
station, and transfer means (20) for transferring the  
heated pellets to the thermoforming station. The heating  
station includes bottom heater means (52) that co-operate  
with a support for the pellets while said conveyor  
20 elements are being driven through the heating station.

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